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- a. [redacted] since June 1950 shipbuilding activity in the Braila yards had not been accelerated.
- b. There were four military craft under construction in the Braila yard. These were mine layers which had been under construction for the past three years. None of the engines for these vessels had been installed; the new engines [redacted] proved to be "too small". There were no guns installed on the minelayers which were to be for exclusive Soviet use. 50X1-HUM
- c. The completion schedule actually called for the construction of one minelayer by the end of 1951, two during 1953 and the other at a later date which was not known. The work seemed to be going more smoothly than it did in 1949. All construction was for the Soviet Union and consisted of barges for carrying hay and grain and lighters for petroleum products. They were all of the 1,000 ton capacity models. Wooden fishing vessels of about 600 tons and possessing Diesel motors were also being constructed. During the past year nine lighters were constructed in Braila. No wooden vessels were constructed last year.
- d. There had been no expansion of shipyard facilities. The shortages of machinery and equipment and especially cranes hampered production greatly. The only cranes which existed were small ones located in the dock area. The lack of iron and machinery emphasized the difficulties experienced by the Braila yards.
- e. No new equipment had been installed since 1946 although [redacted] a few lathes were delivered to the Viitorul shipyards (former Franco Romano shipyards). No other details were available. 50X1-HUM
- f. Rumanian shipyards in Braila did not repair vessels for other Satellites.
- g. [redacted] there were 50X1-HUM

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Soviet technicians in all Rumanian shipyards, who supervised and distributed all materials. There are five or six Soviet civilian officials in each of the "commissions" which were assigned to all shipyards throughout Rumania. Their precise duties were not known.

- h. [redacted] shipbuilding [redacted] greatly accelerated" since employees [redacted] were paid in accordance with the number of hours worked. [redacted]

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[redacted] Drills, cables and paints for various instruments and gauges were in short supply.

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- i. It was also pointed out that the SGNP owned three lighters which had been transformed into floating repair ships with lathes, carpentry shops, welding equipment and an iron foundry aboard each one. Each of these vessels had from 170 to 250 men employed. Repair lighter No. 1 was stationed at Turnu Severin; No. 3 was at Ismail and No. 4 at Braila. Repair lighter No. 2 did not exist although there were plans for the conversion of a lighter which would bear that number.

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